wild westerns



If you like

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try reading...

Shane

by Jack Schaefer

A stranger rides into a small Wyoming town in 1889 and creates a lasting impact on its inhabitants, especially on young Bob Starett and his family. (FIC SCH)

The Way West by A. B. Guthrie

Pulitzer-prize winning novel about a hundredodd men, women, and children who make an epic journey by wagon train across America's wild frontier. (FIC GUT)

also try:

Biq Sky by A. B. Guthrie

Caudill, a young Kentuckian with a fierce longing for the big, open, wilderness, becomes an untamed mountain man, whom only the beautiful daughter of a Blackfoot chief dares to love. (FIC GUT)

Tallgrass and South Wind (sequel) by Don Coldsmith

Tallgrass is a saga about the settling of Kansas, covering over 300 years from the arrival of the Spanish conquistadors to the blazing of the Santa Fe Trail, and brings to life characters from the many different heritages that vied for control of the North American prairie. (FIC COL)

Appaloosa by Robert B. Parker

Two gunmen arrive to restore order in the mining/ranching town of Appaloosa currently under the control of a corrupt rancher who wreaks havoc on the local residents; *Resolution* and *Brimstone* (sequels). *Also try: Gunman's Rhapsody* (the story of Wyatt Earp) by Robert B. Parker (FIC PAR)

A Season of Fire and Ice by Lloyd Zimpel

This brutally realistic picture of life in t he plains tells the story of Leo Biedermann who arrives in South Dakota in January of 1882 during the most severe weather the area has seen in years. (FIC ZIM)

Dances with Wolves by Michael Blake

The story of a union soldier's adventures with the Comanche Indians he befriends in 1863 at Fort Sedgwick. (FIC BLA)

Incident at Twenty-Mile by Trevanian

Young, mysterious, and half-crazed Matthew Dubcheck arrives at Twenty-Mile, a dying silver-mining town, with a handful of fabricated stories. When an escaped murderer also appears on the scene with plans to rob the silver mine, the result is an extraordinarily gritty and violent showdown. (FIC TRE)

Territory by Emma Bull

In 1881 Tombstone, Arizona, a failed stagecoach holdup leaves two dead and throws the town into a tailspin that threatens the lives of its most notable citizens. (FIC BUL)

You might also try:

The Luck of Roaring Camp and Other Short Stories or Tales of the West by Bret Harte (FIC HAR)

California Gold by John Jakes (FIC JAK)

Terry Johnston: any of his titles (FIC JOH)

The Season for Temperance Moon, Season of Yellow Leaf, or This Savage Race by Douglas C. Jones (FIC JON)

Elmer Kelton: any of his titles (FIC KEL)

Larry McMurty: any of his titles (FIC MCM)

Angle of Repose by Wallace Stegner (FIC STE)